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SECRETARY INGHAM TO JACKSON.

Washington, April 19, 1831.

Sir, I am gratified to find myself entirely relieved by your distinct explanation at the interview to which you invited me this morning, from the uncertainty as to the object of your communication yesterday, which I refered to in my note of last evening; and have to make my acknowledgements for the kindness with which you have expressed your satisfaction with the manner in which I have discharged the duties of the station to which you had thought proper to invite me, and your conviction of the public confidence in my administration of the Treasury Department; I beg leave however to add in my own justification for not following the example of the Secretary of State, and Secy of War, in making a voluntary tender of the resignation of my office, as well as I was acquainted with theirs, that I was wholly unconscious of the application to myself, of any of the reasons, so far as I was apprized of them, which had induced them to with draw from the public service. It therefore seem'd to be due to my own character which might otherwise have been exposed to unfavorable im putations that I should find a reason for resigning in a distinct expression of your wish to that effect; this wish has now been frankly announced, and has enabled me to place my retirement on its true ground. I have therefore the honor of tendering you my resignation of the office of Secretary of the Treasury of the U. S.; which you will be pleased to accept to take effect as soon as my services may be dispensed with consistently with your views of the public interest.

I seize the occasion to offer you my thanks for the many testimonials I have received of your kindness and confidence during our official connection and especially for the renewed assurances today of the same sentiments.

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